A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION

Tuesday, October 31. 1710.

IT Is endleſs to ſuggeſt, that this Paper, or its Author, can ſet itſelf againſt the innumerable Slanders, Reproaches, and foul Dealings of a Party of Men among us, againſt their Neighbours —— But according to our Talent, we ſhall not be wanting: We have had here lately Publiſh'd, a ſmall Tract, Entitled, *A Letter from a Gentleman at the Court of St.* Germains, *to one of his Friends in* England; *found at* Douay, *after the taking of that Town* —— Whether that Letter be a Genuine produce of a Popiſh Author, or no, I do not determine, it ſeems really to be ſo, by his moſt ſtrenuous Arguing for the Popiſh Religion —— But 'tis not to my purpoſe —— The very Spirit and Temper of the *Jacobite* Party, is there fully explain'd, in the Inſtructions given to his Friend.

The Author of that Letter, gives his Friend in *England*, a long Repreſentation of, and Inſtructions for the carrying on the Intereſt of *Jacobitiſm* in *England* —— I ſhall not repeat the Particulars, the Book is worth any Man's Peruſal, and I refer to it.

To carry on the Intereſt of the Pretender in *England*, the Directions given, conſiſt of ſeveral moſt virulent, fatal, and very well ſtudied Particulars.

Before

Before they begin these Instructions, they Confess two Things, very necessary for our Observation.

1. That they CANNOT bring about their Designs *by Force*; That their Friends in *England* are in no Condition to Furnish them with Troops, or to Assist them Powerfully enough, to make the Attempt *that Way*. Pag. 12.
2. That their *Illustrious and Generous Protector*, as they call him, the King of *France*, is not in any Posture to Support them, and that when the Pretender and his Mother waited on him at *Versailles*, to press their own Affairs upon him, the Peace being then in Transaction at *Gertrudenbergh*, the most Christian King *pray'd them to consider his Condition, and exhorted them to Arm themselves with Resolution and Patience*. Pag. 10.

From these two Negatives, they turn to the Points before them, which it may not be amiss to represent to you in short, because, upon this Foundation, much may be found necessary to build, and several Inferences be drawn of Consequence, in the present View of Affairs.

1. They Conclude therefore, they were blind before, that now they see clearly, *pag.* 11. *This Blow must be struck by England, herself.*
2. They affirm by Way of Encouragement——*Pag.* 9. It must be own'd, their Friends never gave stronger Proofs of their Zeal and Affection, than at present; and they have Reason to hope for every Thing, from the happy Disposition of the Soundest part of the Church of *England*, towards Restoring their Lawful Prince.

This is a manifest Article of Strife, thrown in among us.

And is concluded with this, *Pag.* 13. *By this you may see, that we must think no more of the King's being restor'd by a Foreign Power*: From hence, the Author proceeds to Maxims of Conduct, by Way of Memorial, for the carrying on the great Work, of bringing in the PRETENDER.

These are the Things I have to set down, for every true *Britain*, that has any concern for the Protestant Settlement of these Nations, to look on: My present Remarks on them, shall be brief, and concise; something I may say more at large to them, hereafter —— Indeed it is an Additional Satisfaction to me, that many of these *Jacobite* Maxims, have been already spoken at large to, and strip'd naked, in the Course of this Paper; a manifest Proof to it's Author, that he has taken his Aim right, for the Publick Service.

1. The Letter says, That *since the P. of Orange was the great Cause of all their*, the Jacobites, *Misfortunes*, and that the Revolution was brought about, by *I know not what Affection the Infatuated People had for him*—— It will *always be a great Point gain'd, to lessen their Esteem for him, and to blacken his Memory as much as possible.*

This poor Unfortunate Author of the *Review*, who had the Honour once to serve, and, *if I may say it with the Humblest Acknowledgment*, be BELOV'D by that Glorious Prince, has run a strange variety of Fate for his Zeal to the Honour and Memory of his Person and Actions; by Governments Ruin'd, by pretence of Justice Punished, by Enemies Reproach'd, and even by Protestant Writers pretending the Defence of our Constitution, Scurrilously Insulted, for adhering to his Service, and Vindicating his Character—— And now it appears, that the Blackening the Memory of this Prince, is the first Maxim of the Politicks of St. *Germains*, towards preparing a Way for the Pretender—— Let these Gentlemen think of it, that have

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not yet made any Reparation to his Memory, for the Groſſeſt Abuſe imaginable, and yet call themſelves Writers for the Revolution; which here the Jacobites own, was brought about by him only.

2. *The Letter ſays*, That the Low Church Men having been *the Chief Inſtruments* of the Revolution, *and being ſtill it's moſt Violent Patrons*, the next Maxim is to Repreſent them as *Republicans*; *Enemies to Royal Authority and Monarchy, Traytors to their Country, and Men of no Religion*; *who only profeſs to be of the Church of* England, *for the ſake of their Intereſt, but are ſecretly Conſpiring her Ruin*; and the Book adds, *when once you can poſſeſs the People with theſe Maxims, the Reſtoration of our Prince is not far off.* pag. 15.

3. The Third and Capital Maxim of all, is Grounded upon the Powerful Influence of the Low Church Men, join'd with the Non-conformiſts, and therefore he lays it down as a Thing Abſolutely neceſſary, *to bring the Clergy into the Jacobite Intereſt.*

Of theſe, he ſays, *with too much Truth*, that, the Gown excepted, the Clergy are altogether like other Men; that they are more addicted to Revenge, Ambition, and Avarice —— than the Laity —— One would think he was drawing the Trumpeter's Picture —— He adds, *it was they*, who by their pretences of *Non-Reſiſtance*, and *Abſolute Submiſſion*, and their fair Proteſtations of Loyalty and Affection, threw the late King *James* into a Fatal Security, which ended in his Deſtruction.

This I need not note, how I have often expos'd —— I know the Revolution came about by this means, and have expos'd the Treachery of ſuch a Practice very lately; one would wonder they ſhould think the ſame Snare ſhould take any more Kings.

4. The fourth Maxim is, that they ſhould promote as much as poſſible, the Notions of the Danger of the Church, and that it is ſo, not from the Diſſenters only, but from the Low Church Men, and Latitudinarians. *pag.* 17.

5. To inſinuate, that the Houſe of *Hannover* being bred up in Presbyterian Principles, may, very probably, drive at Alterations in the Church of *England*, either by Comprehenſions, or plain Epiſcopacy. *p.* 18.

6. As they cannot make theſe People too odious, who they reſolve to deſtroy, their ſixth Maxim of Conduct to their Party, is, to draw the Diſſenters in ſuch Colours, as may be moſt effectual to that purpoſe; and in this, *ſays the Author*, you will find the Clergy naturally diſpos'd, to ſecond the Jacobites —— *Pag.* 19. —— *You muſt*, ſays he, *Repreſent them as Furious Schiſmaticks, who have rent the Bowells of the Church*; *Senſeleſs Fanaticks, who perſiſt in their Error out of meer Obſtinacy*; *that they have neither Vertue, nor Honour, and 'tis nothing but ſecret Views of Miſchief, that keep them from coming into the Church*, &c. *Pag.* 20.

7. Inſenſibly to Undermine the Toleration —— And as it is not expected to have it repeal'd, they muſt endeavour to clog it with ſo many Reſtrictions, and Limitations, as they may do with it what they pleaſe.

8. To obtain the Clergy again to eſpouſe the Doctrine of Paſſive Obedience, and Non-Reſiſtance, and to Preach and Write for it continually; for, *ſays he*, were the People once well perſuaded of this Principle, it would not be difficult to bring them to what you pleaſe. *Pag.* 25, 26, 27.

9. To play the Hippocrite in all Converſation, ſpeak of the Revolution with applauſe, but alledge it was no Reſiſtance;

ſtance; approve the Toleration, only clogg'd as before, and ſeem entirely Devoted to the Proteſtant Succeſſion, only inſinuating, that the Pretender will turn Proteſtant. *Pag.* 33.

Theſe are the Nine Commandments of the Party; theſe are the Heads of the Jacobite Policy, and by theſe are to be ſeen the Ways and Means taken, by the People at St. *Germains*, for the Deſtruction of our Conſtitution, and the bringing us back to *Popery*, Tyranny, and Oppreſſion.

How far they have Succeeded in the Wicked Deſign, how far our Diviſions have open'd the Door to them, and woat then are the proper ſteps to prevent and diſappoint them in all theſe, comes next in Courſe to be Examin'd.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHEREAS Many Perſons, that ſome Months or perhaps Years paſt, had the Misfortune to get the firſt Degree of the Venereal Diſeaſe, and have ſtill remaining upon them, a ſmall Weakneſs, altho the Malignity and other Symptoms of the aforeſaid Diſtemper are perfectly overcome and eradicatd; which Weakneſs is very dangerous, and if not perfectly ſtopt, certainly ruins the Conſtitution, and proves of dreadful Conſequence to the unhappy Patients; and that it is very difficult to be entirely cur'd, and ſeldom is taken off by many of the Practitioners in the ſaid Diſeaſe, (tho' Ingenious Men) the moſt eminent Phyſicians do allow. This is therefore to give Notice, that One of great Practice, and very large Experience, having ſome Years ſince found out admirable Medicines, that in a few Days always did, and aſſuredly ever will, without Delay, ſafely Cure and ſtop any ſuch Weakneſs, *&c.* tho' of many Years ſtanding, ſo as never to return again; has now for the Sake of thoſe unfortunate Perſons, that are fatigued with that troubleſome and miſchievous Diſorder, and have ſpent perhaps many Pounds to get cur'd, but in vain, appointed the abovemention'd Excellent Medicines, eſtabliſh'd upon Reaſon, and always ſucceſsful Experience, and which will abſolutely compleat the Cure, ſo as not to break out again; to be Sold only at Mr. *Salkeld's*, at the *Blue Poſts*, next Door to Mr. *Tonſon's* Printing Houſe, in *Earls Court* in *Bow Street*, near *Covent Garden* — At 4 *Guineas* the Parcel, ſeal'd up with a little Book of Directions; wherein are alſo ſet down plain Rules whereby any Perſon may certainly know whether the Venom or Malignancy o this Diſtemper, be entirely eradicated or no.

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